

Tuesday's Dine Out event to benefit Meals on Wheels program

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For the second year, area restaurants will donate a percentage of their revenue to help support Lower Columbia Community Action Program's Meals on Wheels program.

On Tuesday, the community is invited to "Dine Out for Meals on Wheels" at 27 local restaurants in Longview, Kelso, Castle Rock and Woodland.

"Fundraising is becoming more important than ever," said Tammy Davies, program manager of CAP's senior services.

"We currently have 30 people who are waiting for service. Some of these seniors are undergoing cancer treatment, some are terminal, and most don't have the support or means to feed themselves," said Davies. "We exist to help people like these and find ourselves unable. It's heartbreaking."

In 2010, CAP volunteers delivered 43,000 meals to homebound seniors.

Meals on Wheels, set up in 1979, is partially funded by the Older Americans Act, but CAP needs to raise an additional \$75,000 from other sources to finance its senior nutrition programs.

In last year's "Dine Out" event, 14 restaurants raised almost \$5,000. This year, 27 restaurants are participating, and Davies hopes to raise \$10,000 — enough to feed an additional eight or nine seniors for a year.

A number of the Dine Out restaurants are featuring specials on that day. Here's a list of restaurants that are participating:

Longview: Country Folks Deli, Country Village Nutrition Shoppe & Café, El Rancho. The Brits, Five Guys Burgers and Fries, Freddy's Just for the Halibut, Fusion Café, Ganesh Indian Cuisine, Hart-C's Restaurant, Intermission Coffeehouse, Las Rocas Mexican Restaurant, Lynn's Catering & Café, Nipp's, Pancake House, Porcelain Rose Tea Parlour, Porky's, Scoops & Sweets, Sizzler, Stuffy's II Restaurant and Vernie's Pizza.

Kelso: Azteca Mexican Restaurant, Hardtail's Bar & Grill and Izzy's Pizza.

Castle Rock: Blossoms & Sweets, El Compadre and Lacey Rha's Café.

Woodland: Oak Tree Restaurant